

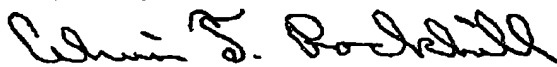
**REMARKS:**

Claims 1-24 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-42 of copending United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,675. A terminal disclaimer is being submitted herewith to overcome the rejection over United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,275 based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The assignment of the subject invention by the inventors to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company was recorded on June 22, 2004 at Reel/Frame 014764/0659. This assignment establishes Goodyear's ownership to the subject invention.<sup>1</sup>

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the \$130.00 fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) for filing this terminal disclaimer from deposit account 07-1725. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees that may be required, or to credit and overpayment, to deposit account 07-1725.

The provisional obviousness-type double patenting has been overcome by filing the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith. Thus, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are in a condition for allowance and such an allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>1</sup> United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,675 is also assigned to Goodyear and the assignment of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,675 was recorded on June 22, 2004 at Reel/Frame 014764/0640.